

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, throughout America's history, courageous men and women have taken up arms to secure, defend, and maintain the freedom and democracy we hold so dear; and

WHEREAS, more than three million members of our country's armed forces served in Southeast Asia in support of military operations on behalf of South Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, over 58,000 members of America's military paid the ultimate sacrifice during the armed conflict in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, this year's observances of Vietnam Veterans Recognition Week and Loyalty Day provide all of us the opportunity to reaffirm our allegiance to our country while celebrating the dedicated service of Vietnam veterans.

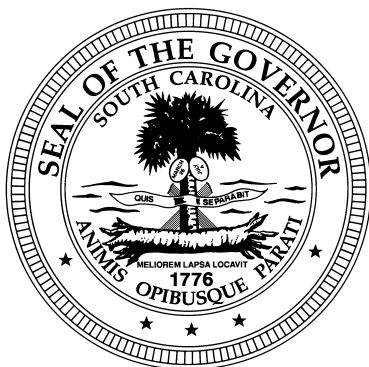
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 1 - 7, 2005, as

VIETNAM VETERANS RECOGNITION WEEK

and May 1, 2005, as

LOYALTY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize with honor and respect the many contributions made by Vietnam veterans to promote the American way of life.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA